

STATE OF HAWAII — DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION
MOTOR VEHICLE USE TAX CERTIFICATION

(Effective January 1, 2003)

Make Of Vehicle: _____

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): _____

The undersigned hereby certifies:

- ☐ 1. That the total use tax due on the importation of the vehicle described above has been paid to the State of Hawaii, Department of Taxation (*attach copy of Form G-45, Form G-26, or the letter sent to the Department of Taxation with which the use tax was paid; see instructions on the back of this form*); **or**
- ☐ 2. That no use tax is due on the importation of the vehicle described above because (*see section 238-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and instructions on the back of this form*):
- ☐ The vehicle was purchased more than three (3) months prior to importation for use outside of Hawaii, the owner was a nonresident of Hawaii at the time the vehicle was purchased, AND the vehicle was imported into Hawaii as part of the owner's household goods.
- ☐ The vehicle was a gift from another person.
- ☐ The vehicle was purchased in a "casual sale" from a person who is not in the business of selling vehicles.
- ☐ The vehicle will be in Hawaii for less than one (1) year before being re-exported out of Hawaii.
- ☐ Sales or use tax in excess of the Hawaii use tax due on the vehicle were paid to another state (*attach invoice or other proof of tax paid*).
- ☐ Other (Describe): _____
- _____
- _____

The undersigned further certifies to the foregoing as the owner or authorized agent or representative of the owner of the vehicle described above under section 231-36, HRS, which provides that misstatements relating to the use tax on returns, statements, or other documents shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000 or imprisonment of not more than one year, and/or probation.

Signature

Print or Type Name

Owner's Social Security/Federal Employer Identification Number

Address

Name of Firm (If Applicable)

City

State

Zip Code

PURPOSE OF FORM

Section 286-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), requires the owner of a motor vehicle of a current, previous, and subsequent year model purchased outside Hawaii and subject to the use tax to provide proof that the use tax due was paid in order to register the vehicle in Hawaii, effective January 1, 2003.

Form G-27 is used to certify to the Motor Vehicle Registration Office in the county your vehicle will be registered that the use tax has been paid or that no use tax is due. The following do not have to fill out this form: (1) dealers as defined in section 437-1.1, HRS, who are required to submit a report to the Director of Taxation under section 238-9.5, HRS, (2) a member of the United States Armed Forces on active duty and stationed in Hawaii who (a) is not a Hawaii resident and (b) has already paid sales or use tax on the vehicle to the member's home state (i.e., state of record), and (3) federal, state, and county governments.

WHAT IS THE USE TAX

The Hawaii use tax is levied on the landed value of imported goods, services, and contracting that is acquired from a seller who is not subject to the Hawaii general excise tax on that transaction.

Motor vehicles imported into Hawaii for the owners' use in Hawaii are subject to the use tax. The use tax is 4% of the landed value.

The **landed value** of the vehicle includes the cost of the vehicle, shipping and handling costs to import the vehicle to Hawaii, import duties, insurance, etc. The landed value does not include any sales or use taxes paid to another state. The landed value of the vehicle also may be reduced due to depreciation for use outside of Hawaii. A depreciation schedule is provided on Form G-26, Use Tax Return (see "Paying the Use Tax" below). See section 18-238-2(g), Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR).

The use tax complements the general excise tax, which is imposed on the gross income of businesses in Hawaii. These businesses are at a price disadvantage with purchases from businesses outside Hawaii that are not subject to the general excise tax. The use tax attempts to equalize the price disadvantage by requiring persons acquiring goods, services, and contracting from businesses outside Hawaii to pay a tax at the same rate that a Hawaii business would have paid in general excise tax.

EXEMPTIONS FROM THE USE TAX

Pursuant to section 238-1, HRS, no use tax is due on imported vehicles in the following situations:

- The vehicle was imported into Hawaii for nonbusiness use by a person who 1) acquired it in another state, territory, district,

or country; 2) was a bona fide resident of another state, territory, district, or country at the time the vehicle was acquired; 3) acquired the vehicle for use outside Hawaii; and 4) made actual and substantial use of the vehicle outside Hawaii. If the vehicle was acquired less than three (3) months prior to the time it was imported, then it is presumed to have been acquired for use within Hawaii and that the actual and substantial use requirement has therefore not been met unless clearly proven otherwise.

- The vehicle was a gift from another person. Note that an imported vehicle purchased with money given as a gift is NOT exempt from the use tax.
- The vehicle was purchased in a "casual sale" from a person who is not in the business of selling vehicles. See section 18-237-1, HAR, for the definition of casual sale.
- The vehicle was imported into Hawaii for temporary use only. Generally, property that is in Hawaii for 365 days or less is deemed in the State for temporary use. See section 18-238-2(g)(3), HAR.
- Any sales or use tax paid to another state or country may be used to offset the Hawaii use tax that would otherwise be due on the vehicle. If the sales or use tax paid to the other state or country is more than the use tax due on the vehicle, then no use tax is due.

For more information, see section 238-1, HRS, and the Department of Taxation brochure entitled, "An Introduction to the Use Tax".

PAYING THE USE TAX

Persons that have a general excise tax license may pay the use tax due on the imported vehicle on line 18 of their periodic general excise/use tax return, Form G-45.

Persons that do not have a general excise tax license may register to pay the use tax on Form BB-1, and report the use tax due on Form G-26, Use Tax Return.

As an alternative, individuals that do not have a general excise tax license may send a letter to the Department of Taxation with a check or money order payable to the "Hawaii State Tax Collector." The letter should contain the following information:

- (1) Purchaser's name;
- (2) Purchaser's social security number;
- (3) Date the vehicle was imported;
- (4) Make of vehicle;
- (5) Vehicle identification number; and
- (6) The landed value of the vehicle.

COMPLETING THE FORM

Enter the make and vehicle identification number (VIN) of the vehicle where indicated.

If you paid the Hawaii use tax due on the vehicle, check the first box and attach a copy of the Form G-45, G-26, or letter with which the use tax was paid behind Form G-27. Indicate on the Form G-45, line 18, or Form G-26 the landed value of the car and the use tax that was due (landed value x 4%).

If no use tax is due, check the second box and one of the listed explanations, as applicable, and provide the additional information and documentation as indicated. If "Other" is selected, state the reason no use tax is due.

Read and sign the declaration and complete the owner's information as indicated.

SUBMITTING THE FORM

Submit Form G-27, and required attachments, with your application for motor vehicle registration.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about registering your vehicle, contact the Motor Vehicle Registration Office in the county your vehicle will be registered.

For more information about the Hawaii use tax, go to the Department's website at www.state.hi.us/tax, or contact any of the district tax offices listed below:

OAHU DISTRICT TAX OFFICE

830 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, HI 96813-5094
Telephone: 808-587-4242
Toll-Free: 1-800-222-3229

MAUI DISTRICT TAX OFFICE

State Office Building
54 S. High Street, #208
Wailuku, HI 96793-2198
Telephone: 1-800-222-3229

HAWAII DISTRICT TAX OFFICE

State Office Building
75 Aupuni Street, #101
Hilo, HI 96720-4245
Telephone: 1-800-222-3229

KAUAI DISTRICT TAX OFFICE

State Office Building
3060 Eiwa Street, #105
Lihue, HI 96766-1889
Telephone: 1-800-222-3229

Department of Taxation forms are available on the Department's website, at any district tax office, or by calling the 24-hour request line at 808-587-7572, or toll-free from the neighbor islands, mainland U.S. and Canada at 1-800-222-7572.